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Montana Medicaid Notice

Social Workers, Licensed Professional Counselors, and Psychologists

Outpatient Therapy Changes

Outpatient therapists who serve children need to be aware of new requirements. On September 12, 2005, new rules were adopted for Comprehensive School and Community Treatment (CSCT) programs. These rule changes included new language that requires outpatient mental health services provided in conjunction with CSCT services be prior authorized. This new procedure will eliminate duplication of services as well as ensure that additional services can be provided outside CSCT if they are medically necessary. Concurrent services need to be coordinated among providers.

Until new forms are developed, providers should use the First Health form for continuation of outpatient services. All sessions must be prior approved. Forms and instructions are available through the Children's Mental Health Bureau web page.

Contact Information

For claims questions or additional information, contact Provider Relations:

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